

Isaiah 35:3-6 (NIV)

3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

4. When we see Jesus heal physical bodies it opens our minds to the possibility of God's will to intervene and heal people today. Look up and analyze the verses below and discuss how people that Jesus healed all were proactive in seeking healing. (See also **James 5:14-18, Mark 1:40-45, James 4:2**)

Mark 10:46-52 (NIV)

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

5. People that God doesn't heal do not lose the battle but win it in a different way. Discuss the two world view versus a one world view. These passages indicate Jesus healed some but not all that were present. (See John 5:3-6)

Mark 1:34 (NIV)

34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Concluding Thought

All healings that Jesus performed were temporary. Healings don't last forever but salvation does. Jesus' main mission was concerned with the greater need of man which transcended the physical realm. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10 (NIV)